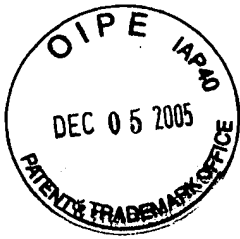


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In re Application of:)	
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Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY

According to our records, the above-identified application is pending and ready for examination since September 7, 2002. Moreover, this application was published on May 8, 2003.

In view of the years this application has been pending without examination, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise her of the status of this

application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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